

Taxpayers Ask IRS

Taxpayers Should Use Forms Received In Mail

This column of questions and answers on federal tax matters is provided by the local office of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service and is published as a public service to taxpayers. The column answers questions most frequently asked by taxpayers.

Where can I get copies of the new tax forms?

Most taxpayers should receive their income tax forms in the mail early in January. Forms will also be available at local IRS offices as well as in many post offices and banks.

If you received a form in the mail, please use it when you file your tax return. It contains identifying information to help avoid mistakes that delay processing and refunds.

The Form 1040 tax package that you received in the mail has a two-part pre-addressed label that shows the taxpayer's name, address and Social Security number. If you do not use the form sent you, peel off the top label and put it on the form you file. The card Form 1040A is pre-printed with the taxpayer's name, address and Social Security number.

Were there any changes in the tax law last year I should know about when I file my 1968 return?

Adoption of a surtax in 1968 was the major change. This surtax will increase the amount of income tax most individuals will pay for 1968 by 7 1/2 per cent. A line has been added to the tax form to help taxpayers make this calculation and it is explained in the instructions that come with the tax form.

Do I have to include Social Security benefits when I add up my income for the year?

Social Security benefits are not taxable. However, they do have to be included when determining if the support test has been met for a dependent.

Bel Canto Lessons Offered

"Bel Canto" group singing lessons for all ages are currently being taught throughout the area by singing teacher Adrian Rosati.

Locally, the lessons are given Mondays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Lomita Recreation Center; Tuesdays from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Torrance YMCA; and Saturdays from 1 to 2 p.m. at Rowley Park, Gardena, and 3 to 4 p.m. at Ann Bailey Chalmers School, Rolling Hills.

Rosati says that anyone can learn to sing correctly and enjoy singing. Singing also helps develop poise, personality, and health, Rosati states.

Vons Opens New Unit in San Diego

Vons, one of the oldest and most respected West Coast food chains, opens its newest store today. The new Vons is located at 5555 Balboa Avenue at Genesee in the Balboa-Mesa Shopping Center, in San Diego.

The beautiful Vons San Diego, which exceeds 27,200 square feet, was opened to the public following traditional ribbon cutting ceremonies at 9 a.m.

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For example, if a widow had no other income but Social Security benefits of \$1,200 during 1968 and she spent it for her own support, it will be necessary for anyone claiming her as a dependent to provide more than \$1,200 towards her support for the year.

Where can I get a copy of the new Farmer's Tax Guide, Publication 225?

Contact your local IRS office

or county extension agent for a free copy.

I want to get my return in as soon as possible so I can get my refund. Do I have to wait until my boss gives me my W-2? I have my own record of wages and tax withheld.

A copy of your W-2 form must be attached to your tax return. Many taxpayers had their returns delayed last year because

they forgot to do this.

The law requires employers to issue W-2 statements to their employees by Jan. 31. Many issue them sooner so you should have your W-2 Form shortly.

I don't think my medical expenses were more than 3 percent of my income in 1968. Does that mean I can't deduct my Blue Cross payments?

One-half of your medical insurance premiums up to a maximum of \$150 may be deducted, even though your total medical expenses do not exceed 3 percent of your income. Therefore, you may deduct part of your Blue Cross premium if you itemize.

Information to help you figure out your medical expense deduction is given on page 7 of the 1040 instructions. Mistakes in handling medical insurance premiums occurred frequently on tax returns last year. To avoid

mistakes, read the instructions carefully.

Last year I bought a bull at an auction. If I keep it for breeding purposes do I use its cost to figure depreciation?

Yes, generally the basis for depreciation of purchased livestock held for draft, dairy, or breeding purposes is cost. However, special rules apply if purchased livestock are included in inventory.

New Law Bars Horses On County Beaches

The Board of Supervisors yesterday amended its Park Ordinance to prohibit riding of horses along any portion of county-owned or operated beach areas.

Adoption of the ban followed recent report by Supervisor Burton W. Chace that riding of horses on public beaches creates a serious health and safety hazard for persons along the strand.

The amendment to the so-called park ordinance states: A person shall not ride a horse, mule, burro or donkey, or other

similar animal, or lead such animal, upon or along any beach or in or along the waters of the Pacific Ocean adjacent to any beach.

In addition, the ordinance includes a section permitting the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation to grant such permission under certain conditions.

This would permit continuation of horseback beach patrol in certain areas by riders under jurisdiction of the Sheriff's Office.

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